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Applicant(s): Nancy D. Hanson et al. )  
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Examiner: Frank Lu

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from December 10, 2002 to February 10, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-4895 of \$205 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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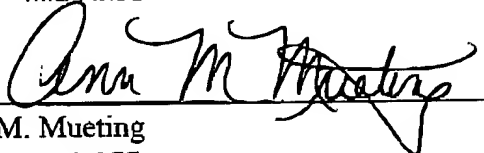
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